

DIARY NOTES

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25X1A9a 1. Talked to [REDACTED] about my 30 August 1957 memorandum to the Director on "Personnel Ceilings." We concluded that everything recommended in this paper was being accomplished in one way or another except for the "accelerated retirement of older annuity-eligible employees" and, therefore, decided not to resubmit to the Director.

25X1A9a 2. [REDACTED] and I met with Ed Saunders to discuss the IO Division's request that they be allowed to invest [REDACTED] in Project [REDACTED] 25X1A2g securities. We concluded that this would be most unwise and that it was not necessary to provide proper cover. Ed was told to take this position at a meeting with [REDACTED] 25X1A9a [REDACTED] in the afternoon but to make it clear that we had no objection to his appealing to the Director if he felt strongly about it.

25X1A9a 3. Gates and I met with [REDACTED] for a few minutes.

25X1A6a a. He wanted to know if we would look favorably upon the purchase of a house in which he lives in [REDACTED]. We told him that there was ample precedent for making such a purchase and that we would certainly be sympathetic to his request if he saw fit to make it officially.

b. We spoke to him about the quantity of [REDACTED] and he indicated that while he was not concerned about the present level, most of which would be used prior to June, he thought that we might cut off additional procurement, adding that he would undertake appropriate action to do so.

25X1A9a c. We also talked to him about our failure to promote [REDACTED], his Administrative Officer. I explained that we were indeed pleased that Bill had done a good job and that this was not in any way an unwillingness on our part to accept his performance, but, rather, a situation wherein the Administration Career Service had more grade GS-15's and 14's than we had positions.

4. Stan Grogan called to say that Mr. Lehman of the General Services Administration had telephoned to tell him that a Mr. Seigel of the Washington office of General [REDACTED]

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Electric apparently was going to make some presentation on the air conditioning system in the New House Office Building. In the course of Mr. Seigel's conversation with Mr. Lehman the subject of the CIA building came up and Mr. Seigel said it was his understanding that a request to make a presentation on the electrical conduit system in our building had been turned down. (This would indicate that the [REDACTED] 25X1A5a1 people are not only unhappy about our recent request not to make such a presentation but have been talking about it generally in the industry.) I told Stan that I didn't think this would change my position in any sense.

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5. Gordon Stewart telephoned to say that Kirk had called a meeting for this afternoon to discuss the revitalization of the Executive Inventory. I told him that in my judgment the Executive Inventory which Kirk spent several months preparing had never served any useful purpose and that I doubted whether it was wise to revive it. He was in full agreement with this and thought that it would be better to continue with the Management Development Program which the Office of Personnel was working on rather than revert to a special effort to revive the Inventory.

25X1A9a 6. I talked to [REDACTED] would like to interview him and I have requested Jim to call him.

25X1A9a 7. [REDACTED] who has just returned from the Far East, was in. He is not particularly happy about going back to the Management Staff but, of course, is willing to do so. He has some idea that there is a position opening in [REDACTED] 25X1A5a1 I told him that I didn't know anything about it but that I would look into it and certainly would be sympathetic to his desire for a job there if there should be one. He is very enthusiastic about the Far East and would like very much to return there at some time 25X1A9a in the future. (It occurred to me that if anything should happen to [REDACTED] assign- 25X1A6a ment to [REDACTED] Ed might be willing to go back there.)

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